WHEREAS, 18, 19 and 20 year olds have recently been granted the privilege of voting in all elections through the ratification of the 26th Amendment to the United States Constitution; and,

WHEREAS, South Dakota's young citizens have expressed a keen interest in the activities of all levels of government; and,

WHEREAS, South Dakota's newly enfranchised voters have demonstrated an understanding of the responsibilities entailed with the right of voting; and,

WHEREAS, South Dakota's young people have expressed an interest in changing the ills that exist in today's society, and have demonstrated a willingness to employ the tools provided by government to achieve this change; and,

WHEREAS, the right and privilege of voting is the ultimate privilege of any citizen of the United States; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to register to vote before being able to exercise this right; and,

WHEREAS, the President of the United States, Richard M. Nixon, has urged all 18, 19 and 20 year olds to register to vote:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September as

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in the State of South Dakota and call upon all 18, 19 and 20 year olds to register to vote so as to be able to claim this the greatest right and privilege of United States Citizenship. I would remind our new voters that the privilege of voting literally has the power to change the world.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hercunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota in Pierre, the Capitol City, this 26th day of August, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-one.

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

ALMA LA.JON, SECRETARY OF STATE